

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of installing and recycling carpet tiles in at least one area in which a plurality of carpet tiles are laid, the method comprising the steps of:

installing a plurality of carpet tiles having different patterns, colors, shades, designs or combinations thereof in a substantially random pattern in at least a first area to define a carpet installation incorporating said carpet tiles, wherein the installation incorporates tiles with at least 9 different patterns, colors, shades, designs or combinations thereof with all adjacent tiles in the installation being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof such that no carpet tile installed in the first area is in contacting relation with any other tile which is not of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof ;

removing carpet tiles from first said area;

installing replacement carpet tiles in said first area from which the carpet tiles have been removed in a substantially random pattern to define a replacement installation, wherein the replacement installation incorporates tiles with at least 9 different patterns, colors, shades, designs or combinations thereof with all adjacent tiles in the replacement installation being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof such that no carpet tile in the

replacement installation is in contacting relation with any other tile which is not of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof ; and,

renewing the removed carpet tiles.

2. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

removing carpet tiles in a second area, which are to be subsequently renewed; and

installing at least a portion of the first removed and renewed carpet tiles on the second area from which the carpet tiles were subsequently removed with all adjacent tiles being of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof such that no carpet tile installed in the second area is in contacting relation with any other tile which is not of a different pattern, color, shade, design, or combination thereof.

3. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said renewing step includes:

a washing step of jetting a fluid onto the removed carpet tiles, thereby to perform cleaning for cleaning dirt and stain on the carpet tiles and to perform retexturing, thus forming cleaned and treated carpet tiles.

4. (original): The method of Claim 3, wherein said renewing step further includes:

a recoloring step of recoloring at least a portion of the cleaned and treated carpet tiles with a pattern, design, shade, color, or combinations thereof.

5. (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area include at least one of new tiles and renewed tiles.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled):

10. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 16 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
11. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 25 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.
12. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein said tiles in said first area are made up of at least 36 different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

Claims 13-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 16~~ claim 2, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least 9 ~~twelve~~ different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

20. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 16~~ claim 19, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least sixteen different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

21. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 16~~ claim 19, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least twenty-five different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

22. (Currently Amended): The method of ~~Claim 16~~ claim 19, wherein said tiles in said second area are made up of at least thirty-six different patterns, colors, designs, shades, or combinations thereof.

Claims 23-46 (Canceled)